

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6642  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, UR, AF  
SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN SOVIET PROJECT AREAS IN  
AFGHANISTAN

REF: STATE 043804

1. THE SCENARIO PROPOSED IN REFTEL IS EXCELLENT. WE HAVE  
NOTHING TO ADD TO OUR PAST TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUBJECT --  
OTHER THAN TO OBSERVE THAT YOUNG OPIUM POPPIES HAVE BEEN  
AGAIN SIGHTED THIS SEASON POPPING UP IN VARIOUS NANGARHAR  
FIELDS WHICH BENEFIT FROM SOVIET IRRIGATION PROJECTS. (FYI:  
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE TRYING TO  
FORCE BACK CULTIVATION FROM AREAS WITHIN SIGHT OF THE  
JALALABAD ROAD -- "EXCEPT IN SHINWARI TRIBAL AREAS.")

2. RE PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE REFTEL, WE THINK THE JOINT COM-  
MISSION SHOULD BE DESCRIBED TO THE SOVIETS IN GENERAL TERMS.  
WHILE MEMBERSHIP IS, OF COURSE, DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT  
OF AFGHANISTAN, WE COULD ASSURE THE SOVIETS THAT WE, FOR OUR  
PART, WOULD WELCOME THEIR OR ANY OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THIS RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO  
COMBAT A HEALTH AND CRIME PROBLEM WHICH IS PLAGUING LARGE  
AREAS OF THE WORLD.

3. IN ORDER TO KEEP EVERYONE CLUED IN ON THIS SUBJECT,  
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SUGGEST EMBASSY MOSCOW GET THIS MESSAGE AND REFTEL.  
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